



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Somers et al. Confirmation No.: 2279  
Serial No.: 09/551,445  
Filed: 04/18/2000  
Examiner: Sameh Tawfik  
Art Unit: 3721  
Customer No.: 23280  
Docket No.: 600.1040

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 26, 2004

Sir:

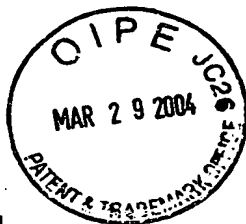
In response to the office action dated December 31, 2003, please reconsider the above-identified patent application based on the following amendments and remarks:

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Docket No.: 600.1048  
Date: March 26, 2004

In re application of: Somers et al.  
Serial No.: 09/551,445  
Filed: 04/18/2000  
For: FOLDING CYLINDER WITH EXPANSION SEGMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Office Action (9 pgs) in the above-identified application.

- [ ] Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been previously established.  
[ ] Applicants assert small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27.  
[X] No fee for additional claims is required.  
[ ] A filing fee for additional claims calculated as shown below, is required:

FOR:	(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)		SMALL ENTITY		OR	LARGE ENTITY	
	REMAINING	HIGHEST		RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
	AFTER	PREVIOUSLY	PRESENT					
	AMENDMENT	PAID FOR	EXTRA					
TOTAL CLAIMS	* Minus**	=	0	x \$	9		x \$	18
INDEP. CLAIMS	* Minus***	=	0	x \$	42		x \$	84
[ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+	\$140		+	\$280

TOTAL: \$ OR TOTAL: \$

- \* If the entry in Co. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.  
\*\* If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.  
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- [X] Also transmitted herewith are:  
[ ] Petition for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (in duplicate)  
[X] Other: Three (3) Sheets of Drawings
- [ ] Check(s) in the amount of \$.00 is/are attached to cover:  
[ ] Filing fee for additional claims under 37 C.F.R. 1.16  
[ ] Petition fee for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
[ ] Other:
- [X] The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.
- [X] Any filing fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 for the presentation of additional claims which are not paid by check submitted herewith.
- [X] Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.
- [X] Any petition fees for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 which are not paid by check submitted herewith, and it is hereby requested that this be a petition for an automatic extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136.

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